

this office is one more service we can offer. Our government will now be set up to identify and develop government infrastructures, services and programs that help forge permanent family care in different cultures. The ultimate goal is to find children permanent families with the focus on legally-recognized relationships between responsible adults and children without parents. It also provides resources for preserving families, seeking social, therapeutic and financial programs and services designed to enable birth families to provide safe, permanent, and nurturing care to their children and strengthen and support families at risk of dissolution, separation or domestic violence.

The bill establishes a minimum set of standards for the preservation of families and provision of permanent care by foreign governments. These standards are designed to ensure that partner countries are making the necessary steps to reduce the number of abandoned children, to reunify children with family when possible, and to promote adoption and guardianship when appropriate.

The millions of children growing up without parents have a devastating impact on society across the globe. Without a permanent family, the risk of suicide, homelessness, an incomplete education, and teen pregnancy is all far greater. Every child deserves to grow up in a loving family. This bill is a giant step to ensuring just that for all the children of the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 18, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall Nos. 364, No. 384, No. 406.

Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 364—"no"—Price of Georgia Amendment No. 96; rollcall No. 384—"yes"—Molohan of West Virginia Amendment No. 11; and rollcall No. 406—"yes"—Obey of Wisconsin Amendment.

Madam Speaker, on June 19, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall Nos. 410, 418.

Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 410—"yes"—Providing for consideration of H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch FY 2010 and rollcall No. 418—"yes"—Impeaching Samuel B. Kent, judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, for high crimes and misdemeanors

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: \$500,000 is provided in H.R.

2996 from the EPA STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project to separate the combined sewers and replace the aging water main in the Eastside portion of the City of Grand Rapids. The funding was requested by the City of Grand Rapids, 300 Monroe Ave. NW., Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Additional funding for this project will be covered by the City's Sewer System and Water System revenue bonds. This project is of national significance and a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will contribute to the cleanup of the Great Lakes, a nationally important water source which suffers from water quality and quantity degradation. This aggressive program and dedication of limited resources will result in the complete elimination of the city's combined sewer overflows to the Grand River and Lake Michigan in 10 years.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Research and Development, Defense Wide, Joint Experimentation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, Commonwealth of Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: Patrick Henry Building, 1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23218

Description of Request: Provides \$2,700,000 for a Tidewater Full-Scale Exercise, to enhance the Commonwealth of Virginia's interdiction, response and recovery capabilities to a WMD event through the conduct of a multi-agency, maritime Full-Scale Exercise, utilizing the experience and unique capabilities of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Asymmetric Warfare (CAW) and Old Dominion University's Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC).

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Military Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee
Address of Requesting Entity: 3901 A Avenue, Fort Lee, VA 23801

Description of Request: Provides \$5,000,000 in the Defense Access Road (DAR) Program which provides a means for the military to pay a share of the cost of public highway improvements necessary to mitigate an unusual impact of a defense activity. This project would fund a roundabout at Adams Avenue at the entrance to Fort Lee to alleviate traffic congestion and improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, following the installation's growth resulting from the 2005 BRAC Round.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Predisaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Brooksville

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 216, 201 Government Street, Brooksville, KY 41004

Description of Request: Appropriate \$18,500 to purchase an emergency generator for the City Fire Department/Community Center and City office building. This facility is the only emergency shelter area within the City of Brooksville. The generator will allow for this critical facility to serve as a shelter and emergency operations center during times of hardship and disaster, such as the ice storm in Kentucky in early 2009. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because completion of the project will ensure appropriate emergency management and protection the local community during significant weather events and emergencies.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACK M. FARMER

HON. HEATH SCHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Jack M. Farmer, a distinguished member of our Western North Carolina community. Mr. Farmer dedicated his life to benefitting his community, and it was with great communal sadness that we mourned Mr. Farmer when he passed away on September 26, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Leming Farmer, his sons, Bruce Alan Farmer and Phillip Marlowe Farmer, and 6 grandchildren.

Mr. Farmer was born on July 8, 1937, in Haywood County, North Carolina. A graduate of the Florida School of Forestry, he went on to serve as the District Ranger of North Carolina District 9 for 37 years. Because of his outstanding service, Mr. Farmer was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2000 by Governor Jim Hunt. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is one of the most prominent awards presented by the Governor of North Carolina, only available to those who have dedicated over 30 years of service to the state.

In addition to his forestry service, Mr. Farmer was actively involved in his community. He was instrumental in the establishment of Pinnacle Park, a 1,100 acre public park filled with frequently-used hiking trails. Mr. Farmer also served on the Jackson County Green Ways Committee, on the Board of Directors of Cullowhee Fire Department, and as the President of the Jackson County Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, Mr. Farmer worked with